

of the Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 10] were purchased by the External Publicity Division for distribution abroad.

Facts about Kashmir were explained to foreign correspondents stationed in India or visiting the country for short period. Press delegations and other foreign journalists were given facilities to visit Kashmir to get first hand information about conditions there.

The progress and development of Kashmir State were projected abroad through photographs, feature articles and documentary films.

The External Services of All India Radio explained facts about Kashmir in their broadcasts in foreign languages.

#### Development of Handloom Industry in Orissa

3394. **Shri Pangrahi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any loans and grants from the cess fund have been sanctioned to Orissa for the development of handloom industry from January, 1958 to February, 1959; and

(b) whether a statement showing the expenditure incurred on handloom schemes during the period between July 1957 to 1959 so far will be laid on the Table?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 11.]

#### Commonwealth Conference on Atomic Energy

3395. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Indian Delegation to the Commonwealth Conference on Atomic Energy held in London in 1958 has been studied; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) and (b). The report has been studied. It is in the main a factual account of the programme of the Conference, which was designed to show to Commonwealth delegates the work being done at the various Atomic Energy Establishments in the United Kingdom and to provide them with an opportunity for informal discussion of recent developments in the atomic energy field.

#### Small Scale Industries in Bombay

3396. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether any productivity team has been constituted for Small Scale Industries of Bombay State and the places to be visited by it?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** It is not proposed to send any productivity Team on State-wise basis. The National Productivity Council is sponsoring the visit abroad of an all-India Team for Small Scale Industries in an itinerary of six weeks which includes visit to Japan and U.S.A.

#### Employment Exchanges

3397. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons to whom jobs were provided by the Employment Exchanges during the year 1958-59 (State-wise);

(b) the number out of these to whom service was provided in States, at the Centre, in Semi-Government and Private firms; and

(c) the expenditure incurred over these Employment Exchanges by the Central Government and the amount given by way of grants during 1958-59?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 12.]

(c) Initially the entire expenditure is incurred by the State Governments and 60 per cent. of the expenditure is reimbursed by the Central Government as their share of expenditure to the State Governments. The amounts granted by the Central Government to the State Governments during 1958-59 for the different items of expenditure are noted below:—

	Rs.
<i>Continuing Schemes—Employment Exchanges and State Directorates</i>	33,18,800
<i>New Employment Exchanges opened under the Plan</i>	7,39,130
<i>Employment Market Information, Vocational Guidance and Occupational Information Schemes</i>	4,54,170
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,12,100</b>

#### Export Promotion

3398. **Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases were referred to the Director of Export Promotion, seeking assistance for providing railway transport and shipping facilities for export of iron and Manganese Ore in 1958;

(b) if so, the number of such cases which were referred; and

(c) how many of them have been assisted, with full particulars thereof?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir Six cases in respect of manganese ore were referred to the Director of Export Promotion. The movement of iron ore for export is the sole responsibility of the State Trading Corporation which sought no special assistance

(c) A statement giving information about the nature of assistance sought and action taken is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 13].

#### Export of Wheat Bran

3399. **Shri Keshava:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased, to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to extend the time for export of wheat bran; and

(b) if so, till what date?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) No, Sir Fresh quotas for export of wheat bran have been re'eased for the licencing period April—September, 1959

(b) Does not arise.

#### Export of Manganese Ore

3400. **Shri Siddananjappa:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export position of manganese ore has improved, and

(b) if so, the value of manganese ore exported in December, 1958 from each of the major ports, namely Bombay, Calcutta and Madras?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) Slight improvement is visible in the current year as compared to the latter months of 1958

(b)

P r'	December, 1958	
	Quantity (Tons)	Value (Rs.)
Calcutta	8,442	13 00,793
Madras (including Visakhapatnam)	18,505	18,33,016
Bombay	32 810	56,42 319
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59,757</b>	<b>87 76 118</b>